Anti-family unity serials

3548. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on D.D. National Channels a large number of serials are telecast for larger and longer period showing the mal-attitude and mal-behaviour of young ones and particularly to ladies for the separation of a family instead of unity;

(b) if so, the details of such serials and what are the reasons for permitting such serials which are anti-family to be telecast; and

(c) the instruction expected to be issued by Government for telecast of family union serials and by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan always endeavours to ensure that the content of the serials telecast on DD National and its other channels fully conform to its Broadcast Code and lends itself to family viewing.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Live telecast of sports by Doordarshan

†3549. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that live telecast of all other sports' competitions other than the cricket is being neglected by Doordarshan;

(b) the comparative data of live telecast of cricket *vis-a-vis* other sports by Doordarshan; and

(c) the policy of Doordarshan in regard to live telecast?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan has been telecasting events pertaining to sports and games other than cricket, including indigenous games and sports.

(b) During 2005-06, the main events of cricket telecast by Doordarshan were India-Pakistan Cricket Series 2005, India-Sri Lanka-West Indies Triangular Series 2005, India-Sri Lanka Cricket Series 2005, India-Pakistan Cricket Series and India-England Cricket Series 2006.

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